

REMARKS

Claims 18-19, 21-28, and 31-35 are now pending. Claims 20, 39, and 40 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants have amended claim 18 to define that the granulate is capable of being formed by a mechanical process such as those listed in the claim. Support for this amendment is found, for example, on page 8, lines 26-28. Claim 20 has been canceled and its subject matter has been incorporated into claim 19. Claims 21-28 and 32-35 have been amended to make minor changes to correct the antecedent basis of those claims.

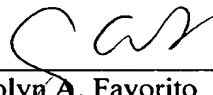
None of the references disclose a granulate prepared by a mechanical process as now claimed in claim 18. Also, none of the references disclose at least one divalent cation, as now defined in claim 19.

If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 251502008600. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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